

Core Store

National Core Store Information

Background

Companies exploring for oil, gas and minerals in New Zealand are required to submit physical samples of core and cuttings collected during the process of drilling to Crown Minerals. This material is held in confidence for a period of up to five year before becoming available for any member of industry or the research community to access and sample.

The New Core Store

Crown Minerals have opened a new storage facility in Featherston, Wairarapa in response to capacity constraints replacing the previous Lower Hutt Petroleum Core Store. The 2300m² National Core Store has been equipped with a tailored shelving system suitable for the storage of both petroleum and minerals core as well as fit for purpose viewing facilities. By maximising the utilisation of floor space and stud height the new facility will ensure ongoing capacity for future growth. In addition a project has been initiated to introduce a modern indexing and inventory management system. Enhancements will include an improved level of detail discoverable online in regard to individual samples held.

Location

The new Core Store is easily reached from Wellington City. It is a 45-60 minute trip by car or a sub-hour trip on the Wairarapa Tranz Metro train line to the Featherston train station, where it is within easy walking distance of the platform.

[Directions to Core Store from Wellington city centre.](#)

Visiting the National Core Store

The Core Store can be visited by appointment ONLY. Please fill out the appropriate form below:

Forms	Microsoft Excel	Adobe PDF
Sample Submission Form*	85 kB XLS	68 kB PDF
Sampling/Viewing Access Form	88 kB XLS	82 kB PDF

The completed form should be forwarded to:

Facsimile: +64 4 471 0187

Email: crown.minerals@med.govt.nz

The Ministry of Economic Development
Crown Minerals
PO Box 1473
Wellington 6140

Core Store Address Details

Physical Address: 31-41 Birdwood Street, Featherston

[View Larger Map](#)

*All samples submitted to the core library must be clearly labelled, well boxed and arrive in good condition. Failure to comply with these standards will incur a cost to the client. This is in accordance with [Crown Minerals \(Petroleum\) Regulations 2007](#), Part 4, clauses 50 and 51:

-50 Core samples (other than sidewall core samples)

- 51 Sidewall core samples